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1. A KVP captain invited four young men living in the village of Luckendorf near Zittau to the village council office for a talk on the KVP. Among other things he said that the kind of young man being sought in particular was the type qualified for technical units, since the armed forces would be motorized as far as possible. Young recruits would require only eight weeks' basic training and then would be sent immediately either to Berlin-Köpenick or to a camp near Lößau.
2. One of the youths said that they remembered at meetings held after 17 June that it had been said the building up of the army would be stopped: it now appeared that the build up was being intensified, and he wanted to know how that had come about. The captain replied that the new recruiting drive was not designed to increase the total planned strength of the KVP, but only to bring it up to its correct establishment and degree of training. The 17th of June had shown that thousands in the KVP, who were incompetent or unreliable, had to be released. The present recruiting was only to fill the vacancies thus caused.
3. Two of the youths then remarked that they were already married and did not want to live in barracks. The captain replied that they did not necessarily have to go into the National Armed Forces; men for the railway, district and traffic police were also urgently needed. Even the criminal and security police needed many people, and especially with the latter they would have excellent prospects. The SSD, he said had to be considerably reinforced after 17 June and the re-election of Adenauer.
4. The youths were sworn to secrecy by the recruiting officer on what had just been discussed.
5. All mayors in Kreis Zittau have been instructed by the Kreis Council to draw up at once lists of everyone born in the years 1931 - 1936 as these are necessary for recruitment into the Volkspolizei.

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